

## **The Constitution – Test Review Sheet**

Resources used in studying the Constitution have included: the history textbook, homework worksheets, classwork worksheets, handouts, discussions, and, of course, the Constitution itself. All of these would be useful to review in preparing for the open-book test. The worksheets, in particular, feature valuable practice questions.

### **Building A New Government**

- What problems did the newly independent nation face?
- What is a *republic*? What is a *federation*?
- What were the concerns over a strong central government?

### **The Articles Of Confederation**

- What powers did the Articles of Confederation grant to Congress?
- What were the problems with the Articles of Confederation?

### **The Constitutional Convention**

- Why did delegates meet at a convention? Who was elected president?
- What was the Virginia Plan? What was the New Jersey Plan?
- How did *compromise* play an important role in preserving the Convention and in creating the new system of government?
- What was the Great Compromise? What was the Three-Fifths Compromise?

### **The Constitution**

- What are the three branches of government? What powers does each branch have?
- What articles in the Constitution give them these powers?
- Why did Federalists and Anti-Federalists disagree about ratifying the Constitution?

### **Checks and Balances**

- Why did the Constitution create three branches of government?
- How does each branch balance the power of other branches? What are examples?

### **Powers of State and National Governments**

- What is *federalism*? How do the national and state governments balance power?
- What are delegated powers?
- What are reserved powers?
- What are concurrent powers?

### **The Bill Of Rights**

- What is the process of making amendments to the Constitution?
- What is the purpose of the Bill of Rights? Why was it added to the Constitution?
- What freedoms do the first ten amendments give the American people?

### **Other Material**

- What were some other important amendments to the Constitution?
- How does a bill become a law?
- How does the Electoral College choose the president?